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Field Crops Report

As of January 12, **cotton** harvest was complete.

Alfalfa harvest progress was reported as 61 percent not being harvested, 5 percent light, 13 percent moderate, and 21 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 6 percent poor, 27 percent fair, 50 percent good, and 17 percent excellent. Sheep continue to graze on alfalfa fields for winter pasture.

Small Grains planting is progressing at a normal pace. As of January 12, 50 percent of **Durum Wheat**, 67 percent of **Barley**, and 58 percent of **other small grains** were reported as planted.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops Report

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped broccoli, cabbage, head lettuce, mixed greens, leaf lettuce, napa, parsley, romaine and spinach. Producers in western Arizona shipped anise, bok choy, broccoflower, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, cilantro, endive, escarole, kale, mixed greens, napa, parsley, radicchio, rapini, salad savoy, spinach and spring mix. Western lettuce shipments included boston, iceberg, leaf and romaine.

Citrus producers in central and western Arizona shipped grapefruit, lemons, navels and tangerines last week.

Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

Range and Pasture conditions were reported as 34 percent very poor, 40 percent poor, 23 percent fair, and 3 percent good. **Livestock** were reported to be in fair condition. **Stock Water** was reported as short. **Soil Moisture** was reported as short. **Insect Damage** was reported as none to light.

During December, ranges and pastures in Arizona were in mostly fair condition, improving when compared to the previous month. Arizona livestock were in fair condition. Stock water supplies were short and soil moisture throughout the state was reported as short. Insect damage was reported as none to light.

Northern grazing conditions ranged from poor to fair during the month of December, improving from last month. Most ranchers reported increased moisture. High level elevations were in poor to fair condition. Mid level were reported in poor to fair condition, improving when compared to last month. Low level elevations were in mostly fair condition. Livestock were reported to be in fair condition. Stock water supplies and soil moisture were reported as short. Insect damage was reported as none to light.

Overall, Central pasture conditions were reported as fair. Increased moisture during the month of December has improved the prospects of more winter and spring feed. Range and pasture conditions were reported as fair at high level, mostly fair at mid level, and fair at low level elevations. Livestock conditions were reported as fair. Stock water supplies were reported as short to adequate and soil moisture was reported as short. Insect damage was reported as none to light.

Southern pastures were reported in poor to fair condition. Ranchers reported short stock water supplies. Ranges continue to be dry. Some are feeding alfalfa hay as a supplement. Conditions were poor to fair at high level elevations. Mid level conditions ranged from poor to fair, while low level elevations were reported in poor to fair condition. Livestock conditions were reported as fair. Stock water supplies and soil moisture were reported as short. Insect damage was reported as none to light.

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the entire State were well above average for the week ending January 11. Temperatures ranged from six degrees above normal at Douglas, Gila Bend, Payson, and Winslow to 11 degrees above normal at Parker. The highest temperature of the week was 79 degrees at Parker, while the lowest reading was 18 degrees at Winslow. Precipitation was reported at all of the 17 reporting stations. Precipitation ranged from 0.01 inches at Douglas to 1.07 inches at Gila Bend.

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Weather Information Table (temperatures, precipitation, and/or growing degree days)

**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA
FOR THE WEEK JANUARY 5 TO JANUARY 11, 2003**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	31	9	55	23	0.19	0.19	0.22
Casa Grande	51	7	76	40	0.02	0.02	0.33
Coolidge	51	7	78	38	0.05	0.05	0.33
Douglas	45	6	71	27	0.01	0.01	0.33
Flagstaff	29	7	58	20	0.11	0.11	0.77
Gila Bend	54	6	78	42	1.07	1.07	0.22
Grand Canyon	30	8	55	25	0.57	0.57	0.58
Kingman	42	8	70	34	0.06	0.06	0.44
Parker	53	11	79	48	0.40	0.40	0.32
Payson	39	6	66	29	0.21	0.21	0.77
Phoenix	53	7	77	47	0.43	0.43	0.33
Prescott Airport	37	8	67	31	0.40	0.40	0.33
Safford Ag Center	44	9	70	30	0.02	0.02	0.33
Tucson	52	7	76	41	0.03	0.03	0.39
Willcox	43	7	70	27	0.14	0.14	0.44
Winslow	33	6	53	18	0.03	0.03	0.21
Yuma	56	7	78	49	0.03	0.03	0.18

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

2/ Daily precipitation totals 5 a.m. to 5 a.m. instead of midnight to midnight. Periods of record used in computing "average to date" for precipitation and "departure" for average temperatures may be obtained from National Weather Service, Phoenix.

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